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NRDC
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Research Development Corporation(NRDC), New Delhi was set up for the development of research work being conducted in Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Defence Research and Development Organisation;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to chalk out a time bound action plan to ensure strong institutional coordination amid Technology Development Board, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and National Research Development Corporation for making available technology to the entrepreneurs from one central body in real terms;

(d) whether the Government propose to appoint a Joint Chairman to establish coordination for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), New Delhi was established in 1953 under the then, Department of Science and Technology, under Section 26 of the companies Act 1913 (Present Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956) as a non?dividend paying company. Consequent to the formation of Ministry of Science and Technologyin 1985, the NRDC is under the administrative control of Department of Scientific and IndustrialResearch since then. The objective of NRDC, among others, included development and exploitation, in public interest, of inventions (whether patentable or otherwise) and technical & engineering process knowhow of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, different departments of central and state governments, commodity research committees and other statutory organisations.

(c) : While the technology DevelopmentBoard provides financial support for the development and commercialization of indigenous technologies for wider domestic applications, the National Research DevelopmentCorporation makes available technologies to the entrepreneurs. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the National Research Development Corporationare under the administrative control of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.As per the provisions contained in the Technology Development Board Act, Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)and Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)is an ex?officio member of the Board. Thus, institutional coordination exists amid the Technology Development Board, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the National Research Development Corporation.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) :Does not arise.